

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Kunihiro MIYAZAKI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 8995
Application No.: 10/620,808 : Group Art Unit: 2137
Filed: July 17, 2003 : Examiner: M.D.T. Nguyen
For: METHOD FOR VERIFYING A DIGITAL SIGNATURE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of December 19, 2006 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Group III (claims 5-9) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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